

Matthew Bloodgood

Matt Bloodgood began his full-time law enforcement career in 1990 with the Anchorage (Alaska) Police Department. He served as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, on Bike Patrol, the Community Policing Team, as a Uniformed Investigator (processing crime scenes), and SWAT Team member and team leader. He retired from the Anchorage Police Department as the Academy and In-Service Training Supervisor in 2011 to accept a position as a Regional Training Coordinator for Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

Matt holds a Master of Science degree in Human Resource Development (Organizational Learning and Performance) from Idaho State University (ISU). He is a certified Force Science Analyst and completed the Force Science Method of Instruction: Training Practical Professional Policing Skills course as well as other instructor development courses. He was certified as an expert in the use of force in Alaska State Court.

Matt has been a law enforcement instructor in less lethal weapons, Taser, firearms, use of force, and other disciplines since 2006. He is currently the Statewide Firearms Coordinator for Idaho POST and manages the Master Firearms Instructors and firearms instructor-related courses. He has provided firearms and use of force instruction at the Idaho POST Basic Patrol and Detention Academies. He also teaches in-service and train-the-trainer courses related to firearms, use of force, and tactical team operations. He has provided law enforcement instruction in the United States and Canada, as well as to elements of the US Military.

Matt is an adjunct instructor for the ISU Law Enforcement program, teaching Use of Force, Firearms, and Homeland Security courses. He also has program oversight as part of his duties with Idaho POST.

Matt is a member of the Association of Force Investigators, International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association, and the National Tactical Officers Association.

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